GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:193
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2015
Air India Fleet
Nishad Shri Ajay;Sundaram Shri P.R.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various types of aircraft in the fleet of the Air India at present including the ageing/outdated aircraft and the average lifespan of each of these aircraft;

(b) the International/DGCA norms for life of an aircraft;

(c) whether several Air India aircraft have completed their useful life and need replacement and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Air India proposes to procure new aircraft to replace ageing/ outdated aircraft in its fleet and if so, the details thereof along with the funds required therefor; and

(e) whether the Air India has approached Airbus to extend the life of its ageing A320 fleet, if so, the details thereof along with the objections, if any, raised in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTs (a), (b), (c), (d) AND (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 193 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2015 REGARDING AIR INDIA FLEET TABLED BY SHRI AJAY NISHAD & SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM, MPs.

(a): The number of various types of aircraft in the fleet of Air India, alongwith their average age and lifespan is Annexed.

(b): Lifespan of an aircraft is identified by the Design Service Goal (DSG) of the aircraft. The Design Service Goal/life of an aircraft is as per the Type Certification issued by the Aviation Regulatory Authority of the country of manufacture.

(c): Three A320 aircraft of Air India have reached the expected service life of 60,000 Flying Hours (FH). However, these aircraft are well within the limit of 48,000 Flying Cycles (FC) provided by the manufacturer.

(d): The Board of Air India has approved dry leasing of 19 A320 aircraft to replace the old/leased aircraft. In line with the approval by the Board, Air India has entered into an agreement for lease of 5 A320 aircraft, of which two aircraft have already been delivered. AI has also floated a tender for leasing of 14 A320 neo aircraft. The financial bids have been obtained and bidder has been selected. For dry lease of these aircraft only lease rentals will be paid by Air India, which will vary from plane to plane.

(e): For its 3 A-320 aircraft which have reached the expected service life of 60,000 FH, Air India had approached Airbus for extending their life. M/s Airbus has granted extension of Design service Goal by 3500FH beyond 60000 FH.

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